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1. INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT BROUGHT OUT FACT THAT INVITATIONS TO ABOVE CONFERENCE WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN TEN DAYS. CONFERENCE AGENDA IS BUILT AROUND THREE BASIC POINTS: (A) REVIEW OF PRESENT ENERGY SITUATION WITHIN ECAF REGIONAL COUNTRIES; (B) EFFECT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES AND IMPACT OF REDUCED AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ON ALL SECTORS OF ECONOMY OF EACH ECAF REGIONAL COUNTRY; (C) SHORT AND LONG-TERM MEASURES WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO LESSEN IMPACT OF PRICE INCREASES AND REDUCTION OF PRODUCTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OR COOPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SECRETARIAT PRESENTLY SEEKING EXPERTS WHO COULD PREPARE SPECIAL PAPERS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THESE PROBLEMS.

2. MARAMIS INDICATED THAT MEETING IS BEING CALLED IN ANTICIPATION OF FUEL CRISIS IN ECAF REGION RESULTING FROM SHORTAGES AND PRICE INCREASES. CONSEQUENT TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS, DECREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND SLOWDOWN IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

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IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO SUBSTANTIALLY EFFECT ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT DURING DD II. THESE FACTS WERE BROUGHT PROMINENTLY TO HIS ATTENTION DURING RECENT VISIT TO NEW DELHI WHEN INDIAN GOV'T. OFFICIALS GAVE HIM SPECIALLY ARRANGED PRESENTATION IN WHICH THEY STRESSED EXCESS-

IVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSSES RESULTING FROM INCREASE IN PRICE OF IMPORTED OIL. MARAMIS HOPES CONFERENCE CAN PRODUCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIFIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY REGIONAL COUNTRIES ON SHORT AND LONG-TERM BASIS.

3. SECRETARIAT STATED THAT LETTER OF INVITATION WILL ASK FOR PAPERS FROM ECAFE MEMBER COUNTRY EXPERTS; THEY HOPE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT ONE OR TWO PAPERS ABOUT MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED FUTURE U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION WHICH MAY ASSIST U.S. IN SOLVING FUEL SHORTAGES AND PROBLEMS GENERATED BY INCREASING OIL PRICES. SINCE SECRETARIAT ALSO FAMILIAR WITH USGS INVOLVEMENT IN WORK OF CCOP/EA, RED OFFICER WAS ASKED INFORMALLY ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF HAVING SOME U.S. EXPERT ON PACIFIC BASIN OIL, PREPARE PAPER IN WHICH HE COULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING SOLUTION TO REGIONAL OIL SHORTAGES THROUGH INTENSIFIED EXPLO- RATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ASIAN OIL POTENTIAL. PLEASE ADVISE. KINTNER

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